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(57) Abstract: An immunogenic composition comprising an immunogen derived from a zona pellucida protein, for control of animal reproduction, treatment of reproductive diseases and disorders, and management of animal behavior.

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1. Claims: 1-3, 12-28 (partially), 30-40

A method for controlling reproduction in an organism, or a method of pest management comprising administering to an organism an immunogenic composition comprising at least one component selected from the group consisting of (a) a polypeptide comprising a zona pellucida protein or an immunogenic fragment thereof and (b) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising a zona pellucida protein or an immunogenic fragment thereof.

2. Claims: 4-9, 12-28 (partially)

A method for treating or preventing a reproductive disorder or disease in an oocyte-producing organism, comprising administering to an organism an immunogenic composition comprising at least one component selected from the group consisting of (a) a polypeptide comprising a zona pellucida protein or an immunogenic fragment thereof and (b) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising a zona pellucida protein or an immunogenic fragment thereof.

3. Claims: 10, 11, 12-28 (partially)

A method for controlling behaviour in an oocyte-producing organism, comprising administering to an organism an immunogenic composition comprising at least one component selected from the group consisting of (a) a polypeptide comprising a zona pellucida protein or an immunogenic fragment thereof and (b) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising a zona pellucida protein or an immunogenic fragment thereof.

4. Claim : 29

A method for affecting the reproductive system of an oocyte-producing organism, comprising administering to an organism an immunogenic composition comprising at least one component selected from the group consisting of (a) a polypeptide comprising a zona pellucida protein or an immunogenic fragment thereof and (b) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising a zona pellucida protein or an immunogenic fragment thereof.

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